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PART 16: L.A. COUNCILMAN WACHS TO LAUNCH LOCAL VOTE INITIATIVE ON SPORTS FACILITIES.

Editor's note: Although he claims he's not against the proposed deal to construct a new \$240 million sports and entertainment complex in downtown L.A. next to the Convention Center, sources expect Councilman Joel Wachs to soon announce plans for an initiative which will require a vote on any new sports facility built with taxpayer dollars. Here is Part XVI in our continuing series on public funding of sports facilities...

...The idea behind this initiative was first floated many months ago when Inglewood was trying to stop L.A. from taking the NBA *Lakers* and NHL *Kings* away from their city. Inglewood's solution: an initiative requiring a vote if tax dollars were used to construct a sports facility. But the initiative was put on the back burner by Inglewood and never taken off. Whether this "new" proposal by Wachs will contain the exact same language is unclear, but the intent is the certainly the same: to require a public vote...

...Sources say Wachs may put in some of his own money to get this initiative rolling, but what he's really looking for now is heavy grassroots support. Wachs' council office claims their phones have been ringing off the hook about this downtown arena deal, so on Aug. 13th Wachs set up a new sports arena hotline ☎(310) 281-2840. And **Calpeek** sources think there's a lot of interest in this project, which requires \$70 million in city tax dollars. In terms qualifying an initiative, Wachs would need 61,000 signatures by Dec. 24th to qualify for the June '98 ballot. Our sources think the November '98 ballot is probably more realistic...

...Locally, *L.A. Times* columnist Bill Boyarsky has been writing about this sports arena deal for months, trying to get the agreement between the city and the arena

developers, Ed Roski & Philip Anschutz, made public, but he's been *stonewalled*. Recently, L.A. City Atty. Jim Hahn said he favors full disclosure of the agreement -- so there won't be any after-the-fact surprises. The key question about the deal is whether it guarantees that the *Lakers* & *Kings* will stay for the next 25 years. If they should move, and the arena is left without a major renter, taxpayers could get stuck...

...FYI: **Calpeek** sources believe that if the recent San Diego, Oakland and Sacramento sports facilities deals had been put to a public vote, all three would have been **defeated**. On the other hand, the S.F. 49ers spent more than \$2 million and Measures D&F were narrowly approved by voters in June, meaning the NFL team will soon have a new football stadium. What would happen if L.A.'s downtown sports arena deal were put to a vote? Many sources think the deal would be **rejected** by city voters. Stay tuned...

CA INITIATIVE UPDATE: GAY MARRIAGE INITIATIVE.

Editor's note: The newest proposal given the OK to collect signatures is an initiative statute called **Definition of Marriage**. It's a very controversial measure, stemming from a judicial ruling in Hawaii allowing same sex marriages. Here's our update & analysis...

...The AG's title & summary language is very simple: this statute adds a provision to the Family Code providing that only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or recognized in Calif. The proponent is a Marilyn L. Hastings of Sacto from the *Defense of Marriage Cmt.* There was no telephone listing and **Calpeek's** conservative contacts say they've never heard of Hastings or this committee. Additionally, groups such as the Traditional Values Coalition in Orange Co. say they're not involved. Ditto with State Sen. Pete Knight(R-Lancaster), who is the author of

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SB 911 --- legislation which bans same sex marriages. Hastings has until Jan. 2, 1998 to file 433,269 valid signatures. If she's aiming for the June '98 ballot, SOS sources say Hastings should submit signatures by mid November...

...As for Calif.'s gay & lesbian political community, they've met several times to discuss this potential ballot measure and sources say there's now an informal state-wide steering committee, headed by attorneys Dianne Abbitt & John Duran, who are monitoring developments. Sources tell **Calpeek** that the gay & lesbian community would rather put their '98 resources into other political efforts --- but will fight this initiative should it qualify...

...The legal status: a lower court in Hawaii ruled some time ago that same sex marriages were OK. The case was appealed to the Hawaiian State Supreme Court, where oral arguments are to be heard sometime soon. In the meantime, the Hawaiian State Legislature has asked the Supreme Court to hold off on any ruling until after the November '98 elections. Legislators have placed a constitutional amendment on the ballot which would give the legislature the power to limit marriages to opposite sex couples. Whether the high court will hold off is unknown...

...As for Calif., the impact of same sex marriages is somewhat complex, because there are two(2) laws on the books: 1) defines marriage as between a man and a woman; 2) the State shall recognize as valid marriages performed in other States. It's this latter code or law which confuses the situation. Should the Hawaiian State Supreme Court uphold the lower court ruling approving same sex marriages, Calif. might have to recognize these Hawaiian marriages as legal...

...FYI: A June 10-16, 1996 survey (1,025 adults) by pollster Mervin Field showed that by a margin of 57% to 35%, Californians are **opposed** to having marriages between the same sex be recognized by law as valid. Stay tuned...

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CALPEEK'S LEGAL FILE: STATUS OF LAWSUITS AIMED AT OPEN PRIMARY, TERM LIMITS AND CAMPAIGN REFORM.

Editor's note: There have been so many lawsuits aimed at these three(3) initiatives that we thought it would be helpful to provide this brief update...

■ **Prop. 140 - Term Limits** - In April, U.S. Judge Claudia Wilken ruled Calif.'s term limit law unconstitutional based on the 1st & 14th amendments. At the same time, Judge Wilken stayed her ruling, meaning CA's law is still in effect. About two weeks ago, a 3-judge U.S. Appeals Court from the 9th Circuit (Judges Betty Fletcher, Stephen Reinhardt and Joseph Sneed) heard arguments for & against. They will rule on the merits and could also rule on the stay. A decision is expected by **late September or early October**. The AG's office is defending the Calif. SOS's office vs. Remcho, Johansen & Purcell for plaintiff Tom Bates...

■ **Prop. 198 - Open Primary** - A trial was held on July 28 in U.S. Judge David Levi's Sacto courtroom. The defendant is the CA SOS's (with the AG's office and Gibson, Dunn as defending attorneys) vs. the CA Democratic Party, the Peace & Freedom Party and the Libertarian Party (represented by Olson, Hagel, Fong et al) and the CA Republican Party (represented by Nielsen, Merksamer, et al). Sources expect a **mid-October** decision...

■ **Prop. 208 - Campaign Reform** - A two week trial in U.S. Judge Lawrence Carlton's Sacto courtroom is supposed to start Oct. 15. The defendant is the Calif. FPPC (represented by the Calif. AG's office) vs. 5 different parties, including unions & PACs (represented by Remcho, Johansen & Purcell); the CDP (represented by Olson, Hagel, Fong et al); the CRP (represented by Nielsen, Merksamer et al), and slate card/campaign consultants Allan Hoffenblum & Larry Levine (represented by attorneys Jim Lacy & Daniel Lowenstein). The Calif. Prolife Council is also suing. Sources expect a ruling on 208 by **December**. Stay tuned...

REICH, ADELL LAW FIRM SETS PROP. 208 BRIEFING.

The L.A. law firm of Reich, Adell, Crost & Cvitan will conduct an extensive briefing about Prop. 208 at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 9 at their law offices. Those interested in attending should call the firm's office mgr., Mimi Rotter ☎(213)386-3860 for information...

46th A.D. SPECIAL ELECTION: CALDERA TO RESIGN.

Editor's note: Assemblyman Louis Caldera(D-L.A.) is expected to resign his 46th AD office in the very near future and is heading to DC where he will become managing director/chief operating officer of the Corporation for Nat'l Community Service. His anticipated resignation is expected to set off a nasty Demo Party civil war between competing Hispanic interests in L.A. Here's our first report & analysis...

...Some **Calpeek** sources expect Caldera to be in DC by Sept. 1st, meaning we can probably expect a special election to be called by Gov. Pete Wilson sometime around Nov. 4th (the date when many other cities and counties will be holding elections), with a runoff set for Dec. 2nd. Just a guess on our part...

...This race will be important for several reasons: **1)** it may be the only CA Legislative race to be held under Prop. 208 rules --- if 208 is tossed out as unconstitutional; and **2)** bragging rights will be on the line between competing Hispanic powers within L.A. County --- the faction led by L.A. Co. Sup. Gloria Molina vs. the bloc led by State Sen. Richard Polanco(D) and Assembly Majority Leader Antonio Villaraigosa(D-L.A.)...

...The 46th AD has the fewest registered voters of any Assembly District in Calif. and turnout is traditionally very, very low. In this upcoming special, sources think the turnout will run from **12-17%**. So far there are four(4) candidates we've IDed. They are: LAUSD Board Member Vickie Castro (backed by the Molina bloc); former SEIU #660 general mgr. Gilbert Cedillo (backed by the other power bloc); attorney Ricardo Torres, who was a finalist earlier this year for the L.A. City Charter Reform Commission; and Armand Ramirez...

...Although it might be premature, the early favorites, according to our sources, are Castro and Cedillo. Castro's campaign is being run by Demo consultant Phil Giarrizzo, with field ops under the command of Victor Griego. SGA Campaigns(Parke Skelton & Steve Gray-Barkan) is running Cedillo's effort...

...Because of 208, our sources thought Giarrizzo and Skelton might be involved in the independent expendi-

ture efforts for Castro or Cedillo, but that's not the case. Sources say it's early yet for the IE campaigns to get underway. If IE funds are injected into this special, (as many expect) where will they come from? Our sources look at CTA, SEIU, the Consumer Attorneys and CSEA. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '98: ODDS & ENDS FROM AROUND CALIF.

Editor's note: Here are some political short takes worth noting for Campaign '98...

● **Finance Reports** - Here's our 2nd round of campaign reports from the various Statewide races. This week: State Treasurer & AG. (COH = cash on hand).

Treasurer	Total contributions	COH
Angelides(D)	\$224,828	\$204,047 \$603,442*
Goldsmith(R)	\$152,679	\$147,469
Barrales(R)**	-0-	-0-

* Angelides has 2 committees, one for Treasurer and another for LG. It's anticipated that Angelides will transfer his LG account into his treasurer account toward the end of the year.

** San Mateo Co. Sup. Ruben Barrales didn't start with his fundraising activities until July. According to his campaign, he has already raised \$65,000...

AG	Total contributions	COH
Capizzi(R)	\$143,950	\$276,568
Stirling(R)	\$ 27,954	\$ 74,221
Calderon(D)	\$ 20,050	\$217,776 \$140,456*
Lockyer(D)	\$ 5,000	\$ 98,092 \$2,684,512**
Schenk(D)	-0-	\$ 50,000

* Calderon's State Senate account, which can be transferred to the AG's race. ** Lockyer's State Senate account which can be transferred. Stay tuned...

JAN GOLDSMITH TO DISCUSS TREASURER CONTEST.

GOP Assemblyman Jan Goldsmith of Poway will discuss his candidacy for State Treasurer at 12 noon, Aug. 26, at the downtown L.A. Lincoln Club. For info ☎ Sheila McNichols at (626)969-1304...

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For those inclined to use it, we do have an E-mail address: **calpeek@aol.com**. We check our E-Mail 4-5 times a week...

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

Aug. 19	Pres. Bill Clinton's 51st birthday.
Aug. 21-23	Regional Political Leadership Summit, sponsored by the Council of State Govts. - West. San Francisco.
Sept. 2	Congress back in session after summer recess.
Sept. 8	Annual Crystal Star Award, presented by Supporters of the Calif. Commission on the Status of Women, in Sacramento.
Sept. 12	CA Legislative session ends.
Sept. 25-28	DNC meeting, Washington DC.
Sept. 26-28	Calif. Republican Party state convention at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel.
Oct. 26	End of daylight savings time.
Nov. 4	Election Day - S.F. City Attorney & Treasurer; + other local elections.
Nov. 16-19	IAPC Annual Conf., Buenos Aires.
Dec. 3-5	Sessions on Tourism & Future of Western Legislatures. Sponsored by Council of State Govts. - West. Kohala Coast, Hawaii.
Dec. 5-9	Council of State Govts. annual meeting, Honolulu.

ROLL CALL EDITOR AT STATON HUGHES & SHAFER

Congressional Elections: Outlook for '98 is the topic for Susan Glasser, editor of *Roll Call*, who will be at the S.F. offices of Staton Hughes & Shafer for a 5:30 p.m. Aug. 21st presentation & discussion. For info ☎ Aisling Carroll (415)495-4910...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: Sacto lobbyist R. Eugene Lokey of CA Planners & Consultants was killed in a private plane crash July 27. R.I.P...

● Phil Hawkins Jr. has been named Govt. Affairs Director for the So. Bay Assn. of Realtors. He is the son of former Assemblyman Phil Hawkins Sr...

● New offices for consultant Jill Barad & Assoc., 15030 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 530, Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. New ☎ (818)990-4002...

● Savvy Demo spin doctor Elena Stern joins the Al Checchi for governor effort as press secretary, replacing Julie Buckner, who recently had a baby...

● GOP political strategist Dan Schnur will be a Sr.

communications advisor to the CRP...

● San Diego attorney Marc Adelman has been elected president of the 155,000-member Calif. Bar Assn...

● Kevin McCarthy, chair of the CA Young Republicans, has been elected co-chair of the Nat'l YRs. McCarthy was also named Nat'l YR of the Year...

● San Diego campaign consultant Larry Remer and his Primacy Group firm has been tapped to handle San Diego USD's \$1.1 billion bond measure...

● Nelson Communications Group's Campaign Division has been awarded two Protos awards by PRSA for campaigns they ran in 1996...

● L.A. Co. Sup. Don Knabe has been appointed to the Calif. Film Commission by Gov. Pete Wilson...

● After serving as the top exec. at Carl Terzian Associates, Tom Tomlin has opened his own pr agency at 1801 Avenue of the Stars, Ste. 1144, L.A. 90067. ☎(310)712-1155...

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